



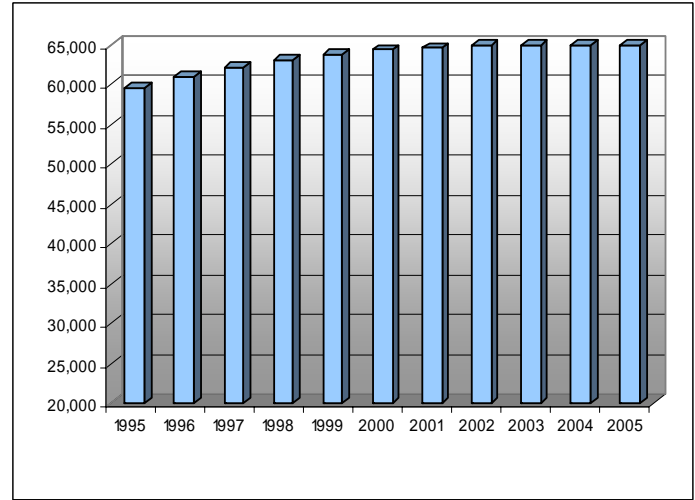
TWIN FALLS COUNTY PROFILE

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Population

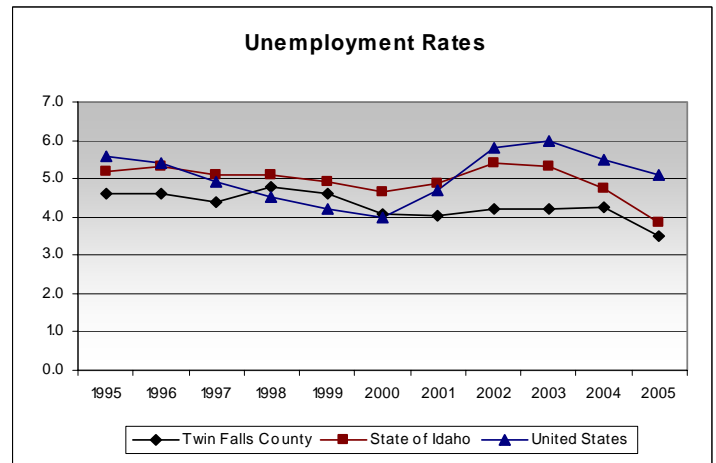
The population of Twin Falls County has grown steadily over the past decade. Population has increased from 59,679 in 1995 to 69,419 in 2005, an increase of 16.3 percent. The area has swiftly become a regional retail hub for South Central Idaho and population has increased accordingly. The area has abundant natural resources and numerous recreational opportunities. The City of Twin Falls lies on the edge of the spectacular Snake River Canyon and is just two miles away from the world famous Shoshone Falls. Good work prospects for job seekers and a moderate climate for retirement age people have helped keep Twin Falls County's population on a steady growth curve.



Labor Force & Employment

Twin Falls County has made excellent progress in employment over the last ten years. It has moved from a peak unemployment rate of 6.9 percent in 1992 to a very good 3.5 percent in 2005. The reason for the positive trend is that the economy has diversified considerably. In past years, the Twin Falls economy had been tied almost completely to agriculture, but in the last ten years new light manufacturing operations, call centers, and the new Dell Computer Technical Support Center have provided both manufacturing and technology jobs.

Civilian Labor Force has also grown steadily in the last decade and Twin Falls County has kept at or below the United States' and the state of Idaho's unemployment rates over the past ten years. In the recent economic downturn, the Magic Valley Labor Market Area, consisting of Twin

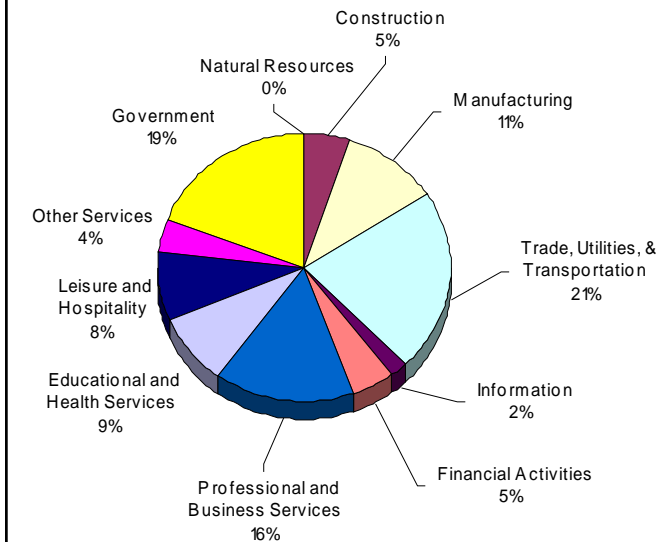


Falls, Gooding, and Jerome Counties, consistently has outperformed the rest of the state. Several hundred new jobs have been created over the last two years alone, and Twin Falls County has had a strong upsurge in *Retail* and *Services* sector jobs. The Magic Valley Mall is near capacity and a new shopping area on the Canyon Rim has just been completed, adding many *Retail* jobs. With Dell continuing to hire and new businesses opening, the job and employment outlook for Twin Falls County remains good for the near future.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	38,158	39,677
Total Employment	36,848	38,423
Unemployed	1,311	1,254
Twin Falls County % Unemployed	3.4	3.2
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	31,898	32,163	31,499	32,319	32,277	33,972	34,621	34,988	35,959	36,431	37,660
Unemployment	1,481	1,470	1,394	1,554	1,478	1,388	1,401	1,476	1,518	1,553	1,312
% of Labor Force Unemployed	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.1	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.3	3.5
Employment	30,417	30,693	30,105	30,765	30,799	32,584	33,220	33,512	34,441	34,879	36,347

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Wages & Income

Despite strong employment growth in Twin Falls County, wages remain relatively low. Per capita income has increased from \$18,422 to \$25,217, or 37 percent. However, Twin Falls County's per capita income of \$25,217 is below the state average of \$26,877, and the U.S. average of \$31,472. Twin Falls County ranks 11th out of Idaho's 44 counties for per capita income. Since many of the jobs in Twin Falls County are *Retail* and *Service* sector jobs, the wages remain low.

Major Employers

College of Southern Idaho	Dell Computers
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center	Tw in Falls School District
Lamb Weston-ConAgra	Tw in Falls County
Amalgamated Sugar	City of Tw in Falls
Independent Meats	Clear Springs Foods, Inc.
Seastrom Manufacturing	Rangen, Inc.
Longview Fibre	Seneca
Solo Cup	

Occupational Wages*

Average Wages

Education Administrators	\$24.67
Teachers	\$14.82
Social Workers	\$14.87
Dental Assistants	\$10.47
Registered Nurse	\$19.66
LPNs	\$11.24
Receptionists	\$8.35
Cashiers	\$6.35
Bookkeepers	\$9.41
Bank Tellers	\$8.40
Landscapers	\$8.37
Construction	\$11.52
Framers	\$10.79
Forklift Operators	\$9.59
Electricians	\$13.23
Maintenance Mechanics	\$12.20
Milker	\$9.90
Farm Laborers	\$6.79

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	25,118	\$19,339	31,303	\$23,652	31,362	\$24,444
Agriculture	1,134	\$18,524	1,605	\$20,941	1,554	\$23,300
Mining	36	\$26,278	28	\$17,163	27	\$22,546
Construction	1,211	\$19,960	1,417	\$23,607	1,454	\$25,093
Manufacturing	3,663	\$23,490	3,263	\$29,332	3,284	\$30,118
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	6,440	\$18,134	6,814	\$23,334	6,703	\$24,431
Information	585	\$17,502	465	\$27,362	518	\$27,857
Financial Activities	1,052	\$23,080	1,411	\$30,576	1,447	\$31,171
Professional and Business Services	1,546	\$23,825	4,707	\$20,310	4,679	\$20,005
Educational and Health Services	2,165	\$21,168	2,501	\$26,111	2,615	\$27,001
Leisure and Hospitality	2,243	\$7,694	2,563	\$9,471	2,512	\$9,839
Other Services	859	\$14,130	975	\$17,359	945	\$18,558
Government	4,184	\$21,564	5,557	\$28,833	5,625	\$29,277

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Twin Falls County	\$18,422	\$19,365	\$19,844	\$20,800	\$21,073	\$21,778	\$24,005	\$24,206	\$23,913	\$25,217
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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